

Weekly Update: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2016

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## NEXT WEEK (Week 1)

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> - Wed 11<sup>th</sup> May

Year 11 GCSE Art Exam

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> - Fri 13<sup>th</sup> May

Year 13 A-Level Art Exam



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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the schools, students and  
teachers network

**FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL IS RATED IN THE  
TOP 20% NATIONALLY OF NON-SELECTIVE  
SCHOOLS FOR GCSE ATTAINMENT (SSAT 2016).**

### INFORMATION UPDATES REQUIRED

We have been advised by the Department for Education that we must collect updated information for our students at Furze Platt Senior School. The new details required include the country of birth and nationality for your son / daughter. Forms will be sent out via form tutors early next week, please can these be filled in and returned as soon as possible.

Thank you

Mr J Sheppard (Assistant Headteacher)

Yr10

### UNIVERSITY VISIT

Yr10

As part of our programme of activities to help students make choices for their future, we are planning to take all Year 10 students to visit a university on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Students will have the opportunity to see a university at first hand; they will have a tour of the campus, meet students and attend various talks and activities about the benefits of Higher Education.

Please see below for a letter with full details and a reply slip which must be returned by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

Mrs Bubb (Head of PSHE)

Yr9

### BELGIUM/FRANCE TRIP

16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Yr10

A spare place has become available on the Year 9 and 10 residential trip to France and Belgium (16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016). This trip offers students the opportunity to visit the battlefield sites of the First World War and to participate in a variety of excursions relating to French culture (it is not a requirement of the trip that students study French, however). The trip also includes a morning's shopping in the medieval city of Ypres. We currently have 34 students from Years 9 and 10 participating. If your son/daughter wishes to take part in this trip, further details and a reply slip are to be found below in the information letter. Please note that as this is a single place, it will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Ms B. Ridgway (Head of History and trip leader)

[Year 10 University Visit Letter & Reply Slip](#)

[Belgium/France Trip Information Letter](#)



Date: 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016, Time: 6pm, Venue: Main Hall

Parents / carers of Year 10 Business students are invited to attend a meeting to hear about the requirements of the controlled assessment and how parents / carers can help their students. The controlled assessment represents 25% of the final grade.

Thank you.

Mrs. Wood (Head of Business & Economics)



## SCHOOL NEWS



Yr10

### FURZE PLATT WIN THE U15 EAST BERKSHIRE PLATE FINAL



Fantastic play by our Year 10 Football team, winning the final with a stunning hat trick from Tom Garner beating LVS 3-0.

Managed this year by Mr Carter and previously by Mr Djaelani, the boys looked strong from the beginning and proved to be so with a decisive victory. Many congratulations to them all.



### ANDY KING - FURZE PLATT ALUMNI



Andy King, Leicester City footballer and former Furze Platt Senior School student, has become the first ever player to win League 1, the Championship and the Premier League with the same club.

After attending Courthouse Junior School, Andy joined Furze Platt Senior School in September 2000. Previously a youth player for Chelsea at 9 years old, then moving to Leicester City's Youth Academy, Andy also qualifies for internationals (Wales) through his grandfather.

In an interview with the BBC following his Premier League win with Leicester Andy said, 'Everyone in this squad has given nothing less than 100% and that's ultimately why we've ended up winning the league.'

### HYGIENE PACKS - REFUGEE RELIEF

Thank you to everyone who donated items for hygiene packs to this charity, which works to support refugees in Calais and Dunkirk.

A special thank you to Indigo Denny (Year 7), Molly Oliver, Anabel Spear and Bailey Holbrook (all Year 10) and Zach Penman (Year 11) for their outstanding efforts.

Students have filled over 300 packs for the charity.

Ms White (Headteacher)



### DRAMA TRIP

#### 'PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS'



#### Wyndham's Theatre, London

The play, a two act story following one woman's struggle with addiction, identity and seagulls, was a grounded piece with an aggressively modern approach. Bright lights and projections on the clinical white stage took us from theatre, to night club, to rehab and back - blending surreal depictions of the recovery process with the authentic, domestic rehabilitation of our heroine.

With a masterful script, People, Places and Things will be hard to forget, and thankfully so.

Written By Ben Williams, Drama student, Year 12

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

### Skills Section

Kirsty Jeynes (Year 10) made a teddy for her skills section of the Duke of Edinburgh award. Thank you to Mrs Flood (Librarian) for showing Kirsty how to knit.

Miss Carty (Alternative Curriculum Support )



## ENGLISH TRIP

### 'AN INSPECTOR CALLS'



On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 44 Year 10 students made their way to the Wycombe Swan to watch 'An Inspector Calls'. We had studied the play earlier this year, so were very excited to see the play and see if it would meet our expectations.

During the performance, we particularly liked the setting of the stage. As the play progressed, the house infolded to reveal the grand dining room – this was as the plot was developing and helped to reveal the dramatic story line. There were also many uses of pauses and sinister music to create suspense.

Experiencing 'An Inspector Calls' live helped us as in our exams we can compare the differences between the script and the live production. It was an amazing opportunity and we were very lucky to be able to witness it. Thank you to all the teachers for giving up their time to take us.

Holly Allen and Tia Elstow (Year 10)



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### JUNIOR LEARN TO ROW CAMP

UPPER THAMES



ROWING CLUB

### CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION/ ONLINE SAFETY AWARENESS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

9<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 6.30PM - 8.30PM



The Royal Borough  
Windsor &  
Maidenhead

### JUNIOR DRIVING LESSON EXPERIENCE, AGES 15-19



## CURRENT VACANCIES

Teacher of Science

Exam Invigilators

## NEW FURZE PLATT TENNIS ACADEMY

Richard Mole, father of Ruben (Year 9) is opening a new Tennis Academy at Furze Platt Senior School. Richard was a founder of Bisham Abbey Tennis School.

These courses are available to students and adults, please go to the website to sign up for any courses before information is released to the wider community.

The bookings website is [www.thamestennis.co.uk](http://www.thamestennis.co.uk).





## GCSE REVISION PROGRAMME



Please find below a copy of the revision programme that we have put together for your sons and daughters to attend in the run up to their exams. They have all received a printed copy of this already.

May I remind you of the following important dates and bits of information:

### Exam Phase 1: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016

While the English IGCSE exams are on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May, the main body of exams starts in full on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May. There will be a full revision / final preparation programme throughout the exam period, with subject-specific preparation sessions as short a time as possible before the exam. (This will normally be the afternoon before a morning exam or the morning before an afternoon exam where it doesn't clash with another exam). During Exam Phase 1, students will either be in an exam, a revision session for that exam or in their normal lessons. When in normal lessons, students will have a choice of either working with their teacher for that subject or to revise for another subject quiet study will be expected. However, (after Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May) students will not be expected to attend tutor time and will thus not be required in school until 8.45 if they have a 9.00am exam or 9.10 if they are going to normal lessons or a revision session. When students have an afternoon exam they will be permitted to leave the school site as soon as the exam finishes. On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May all Year 11 students will be permitted to leave the school site, in order to study at home, after their English Literature exam. The exam will finish at approximately 10:30am.

### Exam Phase 2: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016

From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June Exam Phase 2 starts. During this phase students will attend their exams and the associated revision sessions. When they are not in an exam or a revision session they will have Home Study, where they will be expected to be working at home preparing for their next exam.

Every student should also already have received their own, personalised, copy of the exam timetable. They should see me or Mrs Hemsley as a matter of urgency if they do not have this.

Please do take a few moments to review the above dates and timings of exams and revision sessions with your sons and daughters, in order that they know exactly where and when each exam and revision session is.

If you have any queries, then please do not hesitate to contact me either by phone (01628 625308) or email ([james.sheppard@furzeplatt.net](mailto:james.sheppard@furzeplatt.net)).

Mr Sheppard (Assistant Headteacher)

[GCSE Revision Programme May/June 2016](#)



## GRADUATION CEREMONY AND PROM



### CHANGE TO PROM TIMINGS

We have these two very special events to mark the end of Year 11s' compulsory education at Furze Platt Senior School.

Our formal Graduation Ceremony will take place on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm, to which you are warmly invited. To help us with planning for numbers could you please return the reply slip below by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

Students should arrive at school by 3.30pm at the latest in order to change into their gowns. School uniform should be worn (although it is not necessary to wear a blazer).

On Graduation Day, students will be expected to return any outstanding text books which belong to the school.

The Prom will take place at Windsor Racecourse, Windsor on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June from 7.30pm until 10.30pm (not 11.00pm as stated in the previous letter sent home with students). Tickets are now on sale, available from Mrs Back during breaktimes at a cost of £30 per head. This includes a buffet, disco, photobooth and a professional photographer. Students will need a minimum of 500 stamps to be allowed to purchase a ticket. There is the opportunity via the Vivo Shop to purchase discount vouchers for the Prom. Students will need to bring money if they wish to purchase soft drinks.

In the meantime I would like to wish your child all the very best in their upcoming examinations.

Miss L Lewis (Key Stage 4-5 Transition Coordinator)

[Year 11 Graduation Ceremony 2016 Reply Slip](#)



## SKI TRIP 2017



Arrangements have now been made to run a ski trip to Italy during the Easter holidays of 2017, departing Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April and returning Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April. After the resounding success of this year's trip, we will again be travelling with Interski to La Thuile in the Aosta Valley.

Please see below for the letter with full details and reply slip.

Mr Richards (Ski Trip 2017 Co-ordinator)

[Ski Trip 2017 Letter & Reply Slip](#)



## WORK EXPERIENCE



Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016

In the week beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July we have our annual Careers Week. On the Monday we will hold workshops, mock interviews, lifestyle and finance talks. For the rest of the week, we encourage all our Year 12 students to take part in work experience in order to enhance their education and prepare them for the world of work.

Please see the below for the letter with full details.

Mr Dollery (Head of Sixth Form)

[Year 12 Work Experience Letter](#)



## GCSE BUSINESS STUDENTS – MASTERCLASS PROGRAMME - MARKETING



The Business Department are running after school revision masterclasses 3.30pm - 4.30pm on Mondays in preparation for the upcoming GCSE exams. Key topics we will cover are Finance, Marketing and Ownership Structures as these often feature in the exam. ALL Year 11 GCSE Business students are very welcome.

Next week we are looking at all aspects of Marketing: price, product, promotion, place and the role of market research.

The class is open to all GCSE Business students and we look forward to seeing our students there.

Upcoming sessions:

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

Ownership Structures: legal structures for businesses including sole traders, partnerships, LTDs and PLCs

Thank you.

Mrs Wood (Head of Business Studies)



## MATHS PROGRESS ASSESSMENT



The Year 8 Maths Progress assessment will take place during Maths lessons on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May. This assessment will cover a range of topics that have been taught so far. In preparation for the assessment, students should practise their skills using My Maths.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Bull and Ms Searle (Joint Heads of Mathematics)

## PARENTS OF STUDENTS JOINING US IN SEPTEMBER 2016

Dear Parents / Carers

You will shortly be receiving a welcome pack detailing important information, including our annual Summer Fun fortnight of activities, sports and crafts. Please click the link below for details of Summer Fun.

[SUMMER FUN 2016](#)

## SCHOOL CLUBS LIST - SUMMER TERM

Please see below for a full list of our current school clubs. We are proud to be able to offer a huge variety of activities. Please encourage your son/daughter to attend any which may be of interest to them.

[School Clubs List](#)



**EVENT TAKES PLACE THIS SUNDAY!**



**TABLE TOP  
SALE**

# Indoor Table Top Sale

**Furze Platt Senior School Main Hall**

**Time: 9am-12pm (Sellers from 7.30am, Buyers from 9am)**

**Entry: Adults (over 16) 50p per person,  
Children Free**

Table spaces can be booked  
for £10 per table by contacting [jeff@iifa.co.uk](mailto:jeff@iifa.co.uk)

- Bring, buy and sell your unwanted gifts, clothes, toys, books, DVDs and general jumble.
- This is the time to do a full spring clean.
- It's like a car boot sale, but indoors!  
And without the bad weather!
- All entry and table hire money to the Furze Platt PTFA

**SUNDAY**

**8<sup>TH</sup> MAY**



For ages  
**9 - 11 & 12-14**

From  
**£90\***

# **SUMMER FUN**

**AT**

**FURZE  
PLATT**  
SENIOR SCHOOL



**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016**  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2016**  
**9 am to 3 pm**

**A FANTASTIC SUMMER OF  
ACTIVITIES, SPORT &  
CRAFT**